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1. The pier lying south of the steamer pier at Mariehamn has been demolished, and a new dock has been built between the steamer pier and the beach along the extension of Meriagatan. The new pier has a depth of from 21 to 24 feet. Lack of funds has delayed realization of other plans for improvement of the Mariehamn harbor.
2. Preliminary plans for the addition of a new starting runway for the Mariehamn airfield have been drawn up, but it is not certain when work will begin, as funds have not yet been appropriated. The new runway will be placed at right angles to the existing runway.
3. The Kalinare radio station is partially completed, though no short-wave equipment has yet been installed. When completed, this station will be Finland's best, and will take some traffic from the Hango station. Radar material for the Enskar station has not yet been delivered. Lack of funds has delayed work on the Lagskar station. The source believes that rumors of radar equipment at Soviet-owned property in the Aland Islands are probably without foundation as there are no external indications of any installations.
4. Passports are now checked by customs personnel rather than by the special Democratic Union Party (SKOL) passport control police which formerly existed. Representatives of the Abo protective police occasionally visit the islands.

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